

Subject to approval at the July 14, 2015, Board of Works meeting.

City of West Lafayette, Indiana
Board of Public Works and Safety
MINUTES

JULY 7, 2015
8:30 a.m.
Morton Community Center
Multi-Purpose Room

Members present were Sana G. Booker, Brooke E. Folkers, Tanuja R. Sheth, and Jonathan C. Speaker. Mayor Dennis presided.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. June 30, 2015, Meeting

Ms. Booker moved to accept the minutes of the June 30, 2015, Board of Works meeting.
Ms. Sheth seconded the motion

The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Proclamation: Park and Recreation Month – Mayor

Mr. Speaker read the Park and Recreation Month proclamation on behalf of Mayor Dennis:

Park and Recreation Month Proclamation

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including West Lafayette, Indiana; and

WHEREAS our parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental wellbeing of our community; and

WHEREAS parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS West Lafayette recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY Mayor John R. Dennis that July is recognized as Park and Recreation Month in the great city of West Lafayette Indiana.

Mayor Dennis stated that Parks Superintendent Fawley does a great job. He stated that when we talk about the City of West Lafayette, one of the things we use as a marketing point is our Parks system. It provides quality of life, outdoor recreational opportunities, and over 30 miles of trails. He stated that an inner-city park like Happy Hollow Park is an envy of most communities in the State.

b. Hire: Carl Randall – Facility Operator – WWTU

WWTU Director Henderson requested approval to hire Carl Randall as a Facility Operator effective July 13, 2015, at a bi-weekly rate of \$1,240.29.

Ms. Folkers moved that the hire of Carl Randall be approved. Ms. Sheth seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

c. Contract: Chauncey Village Walkway Cleaning – Omni Service – Development

Director of Development Poole stated that this item was removed from the agenda last week as it was to be a Redevelopment Commission item. However, with the recent lawsuit between the City of Munster and the Department of Local Government Finance, this item will be paid out of the EDIT Fund. He requested approval of a contract with Omni Service for bi-weekly cleaning service of the Chauncey Village Walkway, formerly known as Gumball Alley. He stated that a tremendous amount of work was done there to put drains in and make it much nicer, and it needs some attention. The contract is not to exceed \$1,500.00.

Ms. Booker moved that the contract for Chauncey Village Walkway cleaning be approved. Ms. Folkers seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

d. Claims

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| i. AP Docket | \$2,238,699.50 |
| ii. AP Docket | \$355,916.16 |
| iii. RDC Docket | \$818,453.00 |
| iv. RDC Docket | \$19,972.04 |

Mr. Speaker moved that the claims be approved. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

There were no questions or comments about the claims.

The motion was adopted.

e. Informational Items

i. Park Board Dockets

There were no questions or comments about the listing.

f. Other Items

► Superintendent Fawley expressed her thanks for the proclamation, and stated that the City is very committed to its parks and recreation. She stated that she appreciates the efforts that Council members, the Board of Works, and everybody does to help make that possible. She reported that the Wabash Riverfest event is on Saturday, July 1, but she suspects that the canoe race will not happen due to the water level. She noted that Mayor Dennis will help dedicate the new public art piece at 12:15 p.m. during the event.

► Councilor Burch reported that the Tippecanoe County Library has a display on Indiana disasters from July 5 to July 30. She reported that there is a Budget and Finance Committee meeting today at 4:30 p.m.

► Engineering Assistant Garrison reported on construction projects. He reported that Cumberland Avenue is still closed at Salisbury Street for intersection work, but a lot of the sidewalk is complete. He reported that Vectren is still working on gas lines. He stated that there have been concerns from citizens about the landscaping. He explained that what is there now is not the finished product; the sand is temporary until the finish crew does the final work. He stated that there will be topsoil put in which will be reseeded and vegetated. They should be doing that work soon, along with concrete repairs. He reported that the intersection of Happy Hollow and River Roads is still closed. That project lost some days due to the river flooding and the projected date to reopen is now the end of July. He reported that INDOT still has ramp closures on Sagamore Parkway. He reported that Tippecanoe County has started the bridge project over River Road. He reported that Northwestern Avenue is open and there are new curb lines to help delineate where people need to go through the area. He reported that sidewalk work has started on 6th Street and Grant Street. He reported that there is a final walkthrough for the new section of Cattail Trail tomorrow.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Speaker moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Mayor Dennis adjourned the meeting.